GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3373
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2001
DEVELOPMENT OF MOST BACKWARD DISTRICTS PLAN
ALE NARENDRA;JAYASHREE BANERJEE;NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY;RAJO SINGH;RAMDAS RUPALA GAVIT;RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Most backward Districts in each State at present, State-wise;

(b) the target fixed for the development of these districts;

(c) the criteria fixed for identifying the Most Backward Districts in the country;

(d) whether the Government propose to include more districts under the Most Backward Districts Plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a), (b) & (c) A Committee (headed by Dr. E.A.S. Sarma, the then Principal Adviser, Planning Commission) was constitutedin 1997 to, inter-alia, identify the 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country. The broad parameters adopted by the Committee to analyze the causes of backwardness included indicators of deprivation (poverty ratio) and social and economic infrastructure. The Committee identified 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country. State-wise list of these districts is annexed.

(d) to (f) There is no such proposal with the Ministry of Rural Development

Annexure as referred to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3373 due for reply on 11.12.2001.

S.No.	Name of Districts
	Bihar & Jharkhand
1	NALANDA
2	BHOJPUR
3	RANCHI
4	AURANGABAD
5	JEHANABAD
6	GAYA
7	NAWADA
8	SARAN
9	SIWAN
10	GOPALGANJ
11	PASHIM CHAMARAN
12	PURBA CHAMPARAN
13	SITAMARHI
14	MUZAFFARPUR
15	VAISHALI
16	BEGUSARAI
17	SAMASTIPUR
18	DARBHANGA
19	MADHUBANI
20	SAHARSA
21	MADHEPURA
22	PURNEA
23	KATIHAR
24	KHAGARIA
25	MUNGER
26	BHAGALPUR

27	GODDA
28	SAHIBGANJ
29	DUMKA
30	DEOGARH
31	GIRIDIH
32	HAZARIBAGH
33	PALAMAU
34	LOHARDAGGA
35	GUMLA
36	PASHIM SINGHBHUM
37	ARARIA
38	KISHANGANJ

Dadra & Nagar Haveli

39	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI

Haryana

40	KAITHAL

Himachal Pradesh

41	HAMIRPUR

Karnataka

42	Bidar

Madhya Pradesh & Chattisgarh

43	TIKAMGARH
44	CHHATARPUR
45	PANNA
46	SAGAR
47	DAMOH
48	KHARGONE
49	KHANDWA
50	VIDISHA
51	SHEORE
52	RAISEN
53	BETUL
54	HOSHANGABAD
55	NARSIMHAPUR
56	MANDLA
57	CHHINDWARA
58	SEONI
59	BALAGHAT
60	RAJNANDGAON
61	SURGUJA

Maharashtra

62	AURANGABAD
63	JALNA
64	PARBHANI
65	BEED
66	NANDED
67	OSMANABAD
68	LATUR
69	BULDANA

70	GDADCHIROLI
71	YAVATMAL

Orissa

72	PHULBANI
73	KALAHANDI
74	KORAPUT
75	KEONJHAR

Rajasthan

76	DUNGARPUR
77	BANSWARA

Sikkim

78	WEST SIKKIM
79	SOUTH SIKKIM

Uttar Pradesh & Uttranchal

80	SITAPUR
81	HARDOI
82	UNNAO
83	RAE BARELI
84	JALAUN
85	LALITPUR
86	HAMIRPUR
87	BANDA
88	FATEHPUR
89	PRATAPGARH
90	BAHRAICH
91	BARABANKI
92	SIDHARTHNAGAR
93	MAHARAJGANJ
94	JHANSI
95	MAU
96	KANPUR DEHAT

West Bengal

97	KOOCH BEHAR
98	JALPAIGURI
99	MALDAH
100	DARJEELING